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Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" Is it the intention of Government only to carry out improvements to the upper supply channel and then to wait and see what further should be done ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" We are carrying out the suggestions for improvement made by the Engineers. If these are found inadequate we shall see what more can be done."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—" May I know, Sir, if there is shortage of rain, what the Government are going to do for the supply of water ? "

The hon. Sir NORMAN MARJORIBANKS :—" That question I must leave to be answered by the hon. Member himself."

Central Record Office

Publications made by Mr. H. Dodwell as Curator of the Madras Record office.

* 586 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how long Mr. H. Dodwell was holding the post of Curator of the Madras Record office ;

(*b*) what were the publications that were published by him in respect of cataloguing, press listing, translation of Ananda Ranga Pillai Diary, printing of old records, etc. ; and

(*c*) who attended to the several duties connected with the Record office between 1908 to 1911 under publication, research and referencing ?

A.—(*a*) From April 1911 to March 1922.

(*b*) A complete list of the publications issued by Mr. Dodwell is not readily available.

(*c*) In 1908 a Superintendent was appointed to be in charge of the records under the Chief Secretary. In 1909, the Superintendent was placed under the general direction of Mr. C. M. Schmidt, who was then Inspector-General of Registration.

Preparation of the calendar after 1755 in the Record office.

* 587 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether at present any calendar is being prepared in the Record office for the period after 1755 ;

(*b*) who prepared the manuscripts of the calendars and when ;

(*c*) in what stage it was left when the present Curator took charge of the office ;

(*d*) when the work will be completed ;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that except passing the proofs that are checked by the clerk on this duty, there is nothing else to be done under this head of work also ;

(*f*) when the manuscripts of calendars, if any after 1755, were sent to the press for printing ; and

(*g*) what is the delay due to, in not issuing this work till now ?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Mr. Dodwell as Curator.

(*c*) Mr. Dodwell published two volumes and a third volume is now passing through the press.

(*d*) That volume is expected to pass through the press in about a year.

(*e*) The question is not understood.

(*f*) As stated above the third volume is passing through the press now.

(*g*) Calendaring was temporarily postponed when Mr. Dodwell left.

Forests

Supply of fuel for Kurnool town.

* 588 *Q.*—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that both in the town of Kurnool and in the town of Nandyal in the Kurnool district fuel is selling at abnormal rates ranging from Rs. 13 to Rs. 16 a cart-load ;

(*b*) what arrangements the Government have made to supply the people of these towns with fuel and at what standard rates ; and

(*c*) what the reserves are which are actually serving the needs of the Kurnool town?

A.—(*a*) Unsplit fuel is sold at Rs. 10 per cart-load (taking 1 cart-load equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ ton) in both Kurnool and Nandyal towns. The price of split fuel in Kurnool town has been Rs. 13 per cart-load and its price in Nandyal town is Rs. 11-4-0 per cart-load.

(*b*) The reserves under departmental control which can be economically worked for fuel, are being worked under definite working schemes for supply of fuel to the two towns. Annually about 500 acres of the Nallamalai Terrai forests and of the Yerramalais are felled for the supply of fuel and small timber to Kurnool. Similarly about 1,100 acres are felled annually in the South Kurnool forests for the supply of fuel and small timber for Nandyal. Steps have been taken during the year to transport by rail part of the yield of fuel from the South Kurnool forests to Kurnool.

In every case where fuel areas are worked departmentally as in the West Kurnool division a standard rate not exceeding Rs. 1-4-0 for every 72 stacked cubic feet of fuel (equal to about half a ton) has been fixed for delivery at site of coupe to all bona fide ryots. In the case of fuel coupes leased to contractors, as in South Kurnool division, steps have been taken during the year to bind the contractors to sell fuel to bona fide ryots at standard rates. A revision of this rate is under the consideration of the local officers.

(*c*) The reserves are—

(1) Nandyal.

(2) Nandikotkur.

(3) Yeparlapad.